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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 2084

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT CY

SUBJECT: LOOTING

1. THERE ARE WIDESPREAD RUMORS CIRCULATING OF LOOTING BY BOTH SIDES. EMBOFF VISITS TO KYRENIA SUGGEST TURKISH AUTHORITIES MAKING SOME EFFORT CONTROL THIS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN SOLDIERS COMING OUT OF SHOPS WITH "LIBERATED" MERCHANDISE. ALSO, ICRC REP TELLS US HE SAW TURKS USING AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT GOODS FROM VACATED GREEK HOMES. DURING OUR TRIPS, WE OBSERVED NO RPT NO SUCH ACTIVITY THOUGH NEW POLICE CHIEF ADMITTED HE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH TURK CYPRIOT CIVILIANS. (BRITISH OWNER HARBOR CLUB--DIRECTLY OPPOSITE POLICE STATION--TOLD EMB OFF HE LOST 500 CY POUNDS PROPERTY IN ONE NIGHT.)

2. GREEK CYPRIOT LOOTING ALSO EXTENSIVE. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN
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PHONED EMB OFF FROM PAPHOS TO REPORT GREEK VILLAGERS ACQUIRING

"INSTANT DOWRIES" BY BACKING TRUCKS UP TO VACATED TURKISH HOMES
AND STRIPPING THEM BARE.

2. IN ADDITION, CLERIDES TOLD AMB JULY 29 THAT THERE HAD BEEN
WIDESPREAD LOOTING OF ABANDONED TURK CYPRIOT HOMES IN LIMASSOL AREA.
SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED NATIONAL GUARD PREVENT THIS, UNFORTUNATELY
TO LITTLE EFFECT. IN EPISKOPI VILLAGE (BORDERING SBA) DATT REP
OBSERVED EXTENSIVE LOOTING IN PROGRESS AUG 1, DESPITE FACT VILLAGE
WHOLLY OCCUPIED BY NG. ALL SHOPS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BROKEN INTO.
UNSYG SPECIAL REP WECKMAN TOLD AMB SAME DAY THAT GREEK
CYPRIOT IRREGULARS WERE CARRYING OUT SIMILAR ACTIVITIES IN
FAMAGUSTA AREA.

3. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, TURKS IN NICOSIA THUS FAR UNAWARE THIS
APPARENT WIDESPREAD LOOTING THEIR PROPERTIES. WHEN THEY LEAR
OF IT, SUSPECT THIS WILL BE ADDED TO TURKISH BILL OF PARTICULARS
REQUIRING SATISFACTION.
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